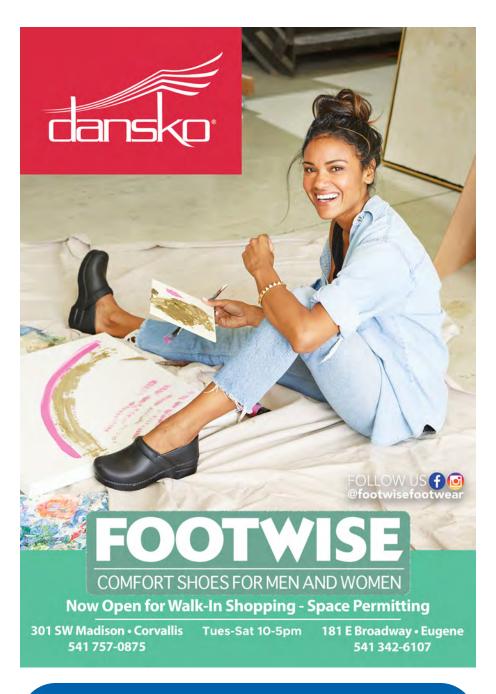
STUDENT COVID CASES AND MORE IN EW'S 'BACK' TO CAMPUS ISSUE

Illustration by Chelsea Lovejoy





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VOTE FOR THE LIBRARY: I CAN'T, YET

I'm 14 years old, and I've loved the library my whole life. I've checked out books from them since I was 3, and I've spent hours in their teen books section. This year has been very hard for me, but books and the library have been there for me the whole time.

The Eugene Public Library is a great value for residents and families. The library has resources and clubs for youth of all ages and provides a safe space for kids to learn who they are. The library levy is coming up on the ballot this year, and I can't vote yet, so I'm asking the adults around me to vote for the library. This levy won't raise your tax rate. Please, vote for the library this year.

May Lafer-Kirtner Eugene

ARE YOU GIVING THE MONEY BACK, KASHINSKY?

Following up on the recent *Eugene Weekly* piece (10/1) about the two candidates for Ward 1 City Councilor. As a Ward 1 resident, my question for candidate Eliza Kashinsky is: Now that you know about the National Association of Realtors contributing, under a false name, more than \$10,000 to support your candidacy, will you return the money and repudiate the Realtors' actions?

Alice Parman Eugene

IBOA HAS WHAT IT TAKES FOR LANE COUNTY

As a Lane County commissioner, Joel Iboa would not only contribute experience and commitment, but also bridge divisions in the county between generations, economic status and race.

Joel has demonstrated strong leadership as the chair of both the Eugene Human Rights Commission and the Oregon Environmental Justice Task Force. As manager of the One Oregon Coalition, he has led efforts to promote immigrant justice. He understands the health effects of environmental toxins through his work with Beyond Toxics. In my work with the Oregon Pediatric Society and with the Immigrant Integration Network of Lane County, Iboa has provided invaluable information and advice.

Through his lived experience growing up in Eugene as a son of immigrants, he understands issues of immigrants and their children. His family has known poverty and, through education, overcome barriers. I cared for Iboa during a life-threatening infection when he was 12 years old. Overcoming the infection and subsequent permanent hip damage has given him a maturity beyond his years and a deep empathy for the many Oregonians who live with disabilities.

Iboa's work and life experience give him the ability and motivation to find solutions for the diverse needs of our community.

> Lauren Herbert, M.D. Eugene

SEEKING POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

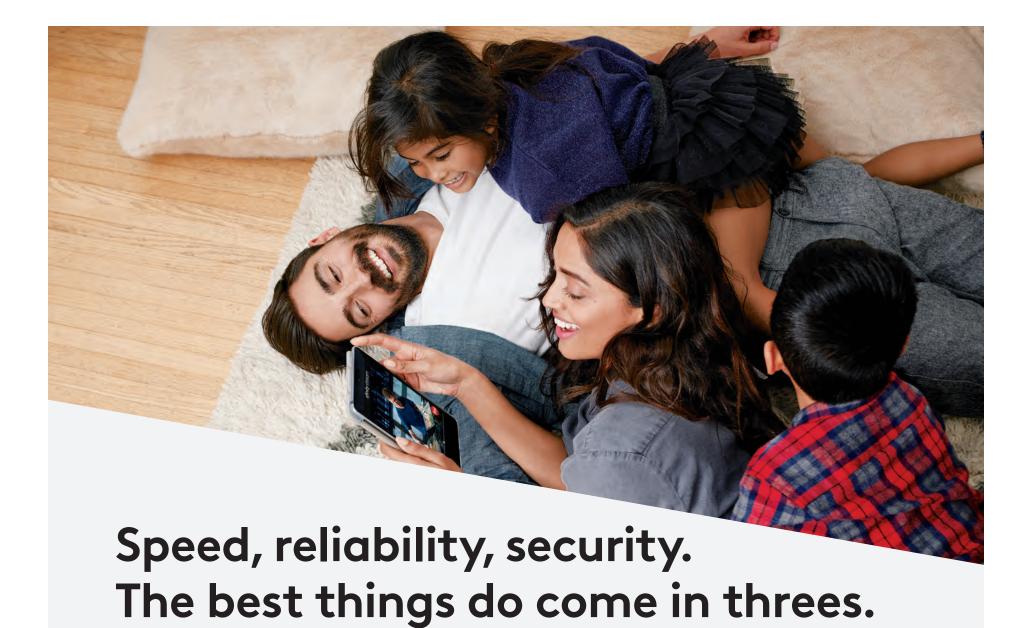
As a people of faith, we are called to witness the state violence taking place across our country. And, as we see yet again with the Breonna Taylor verdict, those lives have meant little to nothing in the eyes of the court when they are taken by police. We have watched in dismay as both the police and white supremacist groups respond to calls that Black Lives Matter with force and violence.

Over the last few months, we have witnessed police in Eugene and Springfield meet Black Lives Matter protestors with aggression while they ignore the dangerous behavior of white supremacist counter-protestors, treating them with gentle indifference.

As people of faith, we believe that Black Lives Matter.

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build a beloved community where every person is safe, valued and respected, we need to hear the voices calling us to confront the systemic racism that exists in our society.

As people of faith, we call on Springfield's city leaders, including the chief of police, to clearly and publicly denounce white supremacy and white supremacist organizations, and declare their dedication to a just and anti-racist Springfield.

As people of faith, we call on a transparent and open process in the appointment of an interim mayor with the selection of a candidate with a proven commitment to racial equity.

As people of faith, we demand police accountability.

We must work together to seek justice and peace for all.

> Ryan Doppelmayr Challenging Racism Committee Unitarian Universalist Church in Eugene

THE DEADLY HOAX

How very appropriate that President Donald Trump was infected by a hoax. The same hoax that has killed more than 200,000 Americans, and many more every day. I wonder what Trump's thugs and his anti science cult followers think about that.

> Dave Crockett Eugene

DEFAZIO WILL FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

Will voters finally give us a majority in the Senate so we can get behind our transportation expert Rep. Peter DeFazio? With climate disasters happening, big changes are needed now, and only an experienced legislator can accomplish transit requirements to lower carbon emissions.

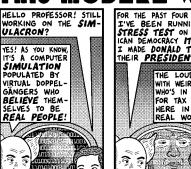
I mean DeFazio. We need him and a Democratic Congress to support him!

> Ruth Duemler Eugene

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To the thief who stole our Biden/ Harris 2020 lawn sign, which I had put

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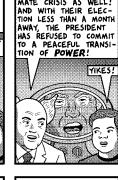
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by TOM TOMORROW

INDEED! AND THERE'S





Legislature she joined her fellow Democrats, including all of them from Lane County, in violating two voter mandates (Measures 97 and 88) via House Bills 3427 and 2015. Fagan and her colleagues, using an underhanded political move (HB 2164), killed the citizen referendum against their multibillion-dollar gross receipts tax.

They continued their assault against voters with bogus "emergency" clauses to prevent referendums and with Senate Bill 761 which suppressed citizen initiatives. In summary, Fagan's message to voters is "Shut up and obey $-\ \mbox{and}$ don't you dare challenge our decisions!" Is this the kind of representation we want from our Secretary of State?

Kim Thatcher opposed the foregoing abuses. She has repeatedly tried to rein in the use of fraudulent "emergency" clauses only to have the Democrat majority consign these efforts to the trash bin. Thatcher will protect the election process. She will respect voters and their decisions and won't try to revoke them. She deserves our votes on Nov. 3. Fagan most assuredly does not.

Jerry Ritter Springfield

MOUNTAIN BIKERS LOVE THE FOREST, TOO

In response to the letter "It's a Bike World" by Shannon Wilson (EW 9/17):

Thank you for decades of advocacy to protect our forests. Although we share a love for these wild places, you have a misunderstanding about what mountain biking is. We are conservationists who want to explore the solitude and splendor of the forest just like you, and be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

The proposed trails adjacent to Oakridge are a perfect example of providing accessible forest experiences for visitors. Oakridge's economy relies primarily on these visitors to survive - mountain bikers spend \$2.3 to \$4.9 million in Oakridge annually. This forest is not old growth; it's a late successional reserve that's been thinned and roaded. These trails will not have a negative impact on the forest, they will have a positive impact by introducing more people to these wonderful places.

The other trail you mention is a short connector that's intended to solve problems. It serves to reduce bicycle/ motorized conflict, and will eliminate the need to illegally ride bikes on the PCT to connect two sides of the mountain. This trail is supported by Pacific Crest Trail Association among other stakeholders.

You state that our shared public lands are "unregulated Disneyland amusement parks," but reality tells a different story. These are forests with ancient history of multiple uses. In order to preserve them for generations to come, we need to share their magnificence now. Mountain biking is a fun, quiet and non-destructive tool that achieves this goal.

Gabriel Amadeus Tiller Executive director, Oregon Timber Trail Alliance

up only two days ago, I will say this: You just demonstrated how desperate and petty you are for the other guy to "win." Is this an example of the "free and fair election" the current president is always saying he wants? This has just made me more determined to help the Dems win.

You can steal people's lawn signs, but vou cannot steal this election.

Peter Chabarek Eugene

THATCHER FOR **SECRETARY OF STATE**

Before Eugene Weekly issues its November election endorsements, I urge the editors to look closely at what is arguably the most important statewide

The secretary of state is Oregon's chief elections officer. We should expect that person to honor voter decisions and protect and promote citizen participation in the political process.

Shemia Fagan has done exactly

the opposite. During her time in the

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Get the Ducking Vote Out

CAMPUS GROUPS AT THE UO HAVE FORMED A COALITION TO REGISTER AND EDUCATE COLLEGE VOTERS

By Henry Houston

politician who's popular with the youth vote is sometimes a blessing and a curse. Take Sen. Bernie Sanders' 2020 presidential campaign. Back in February, Sanders had support from 50 percent of college students, according to a poll from Chegg/College Pulse. But the day after Super Tuesday, Sanders said his campaign wasn't successful in getting enough young people to vote for him.

The University of Oregon's student body wasn't immune from low voter turnout during the coronavirusaffected primary election. According to precinct data from the Lane County Elections office, fewer people voted compared to past elections. But UO's student groups have formed a coalition to get students registered and educated on the ballot.

Elizabeth Radcliffe is the state board chair of Oregon State Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG), a studentrun group. She says with the Oct. 13 voter registration deadline coming up, the organization is "blitzing on outreach." She says the group has talked to 30,000 students $at\,the\,UO, Lane\,Community\,College\,and\,Southern\,Oregon$ University about making sure they're registered to vote, their registration is up-to-date and they have a plan to

 $Usually\,OSPIRG\,would\,be\,tabling\,outside\,EMU\,to\,talk$ with students about voter registration, but thanks to COVID the group has shifted to other strategies to get students registered. One way is through mutual friend outreach, she says. In addition to volunteers calling strangers, they're telling their friends to check in on other friend's registration status.

UO's student government is one of the 28 campus groups dedicated to getting students registered and voting. As $sociated\,Students\,of\,the\,UO\,Chief\,of\,Staff\,Nathanial\,Leof$ $says\,they're\,collaborating\,with\,other\,campus\,groups\,that$ have led previous voter registration campaigns. "We are focused on using their experience and expertise to register as many students on campus," he says.

Leof says ASUO is helping with advertising on social media, encouraging professors to talk about voting during online class time and working with multicultural center groups to make sure BIPOC student voices are heard during registration.

Leof says registration outreach includes multiple mediums, like working with the Oregon Student Association's "What's On Your Ballot" virtual forum, where an OSA representative does a virtual rundown of a local ballot with a neutral perspective. Since college football has been delayed, one way to get students registered is by competing against the rest of the Pac-12 conference. The UO is competing against universities in Washington, Arizona, Colorado, Utah and California to see who can register the most students.

But Leof says they're not trying to just register students but also to inform them about the ballot.

"We want to focus on making sure that students aren't just registered to vote," he says, "but that they feel educated when they go to vote so they aren't just voting for the presidential race, but also for their local congress people, their city council, ballot measure — all of those things."

Voter data on two areas of Eugene where UO students usually live show changing voting behavior over the years.

Voter precinct number 1343 contains campus and close proximity housing to the UO; it runs from Franklin to 30th and Agate to Hilyard, and 1349 is an area typically lived in by students; it spans Pearl to Hilyard and 18th to 11th.

Those two precincts accounted for 5,851 voters in the

2016 general election. In those two spots, Hillary Clinton received 4,750 votes, and Donald Trump had 473 votes. But down ballot fewer people voted in the U.S. Senate race and state offices.

For the 2016 primary election when Sanders was challenging Hillary Clinton for the nomination, the two precincts had 3,076 votes. But the 2020 primary saw a sharp decrease in votes: 1.835 Democratic Party votes were cast in the two precincts. The primary was during the early period of the pandemic and Joe Biden had secured the nomination by May.

Radcliffe says students moving back home because of COVID was probably the biggest reason for the low student turnout earlier this year because whenever you move, you have to update your voter registration. "That's why we're focusing our messaging on, 'If you've moved recently at all, you have to re-register if you want to be eligible," she says.

Radcliffe says she has to remind first-year students on campus that their parents can't forward the ballot; the student has to change their address and request an absentee ballot if they're from out of state.

But students are showing up compared to past elections, she adds. The number of students who voted in the 2014 compared to the 2018 midterms grew by 16 percent. And students whose first election is 2020 are excited to cast their ballot in November.

'The folks I've talked to have just turned 18: this is their first election — it's a pretty exciting one to be your first," Radcliffe says. "People are really excited and getting involved and looking forward to making an impact with their vote." ■

Oregon's voter registration deadline is Oct. 13. If you're a student, visit $Student Vote.org\ to\ register.\ To\ register\ in\ Oregon, visit\ SoS. Oregon. gov.$

• With President
Donald Trump catching
COVID-19, together with

many others at the White

House and upper levels of government, we are all glued to the news for developments. The coronavirus doesn't usually clear up in a couple days, so Trump's bout with the disease he once called a hoax may not be over. But the White House is offering very little for substantive updates on the president's health. The Trump administration hiding from the truth is no surprise (especially when former press secretary Sean Spicer once hid in a bush to get away from reporters). In times of emergency, no public entity — whether it's a county government or the White House - should hide the truth from the people it serves.

• While we are taking a poke at the University of Oregon and beer pong on our cover this week, it's also a good time to remind people that we can't just blame our latest COVID surge on the UO. For one thing, blaming a particular group is counterproductive. COVID-shaming is a thing, and it should not be. It's not just students who are partying in small groups, and it's definitely not only students we see not wearing masks (looking at Donald Trump right now). As Jason Davis, Lane County Public Health spokesperson, tells us, "We

as a community really have to be more positive about the whole process." He says because of the shaming that goes on around having the coronavirus, county contact tracers have trouble getting people to call them back, and they see students and others not self-quarantining because they are afraid others will judge them for having gotten the virus. "Learn how to treat people and be respectful," Davis says. "We can deal with really hard things in our community with positive prosocial behavior" that can actually lead to improving the situation, not making it worse.

 Congressman Peter DeFazio needs volunteers, money and all the help we can give him in this run to return to D.C. for Oregon's 4th District. You must have seen the vile TV ads constantly running against him and showing us how much money is pouring into his opposition's campaign. This is a weird district. Hillary Clinton won in 2016 by only 554 votes. But DeFazio is now one of the most powerful members of Congress, chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Oregon is fortunate to have him. We need to keep him.

• Before Peter DeFazio became the longtime congressman in the 4th District, there was Rep. Jim Weaver. Weaver was born in 1927 and served six terms

in the House of Representatives, from 1975 to 1987. He was known for being pro-environment and against the Vietnam War and nuclear power, not easy stances in a district that encompasses not only Eugene but less liberal Roseburg. Weaver died here in Eugene in the early hours of Oct. 6. The Jim Weaver Loop Trail around Waldo Lake honors him for his work to preserve Oregon's wilderness.

• Fungal symbiosis may not be your thing, but it's a subject that's sending David Wagner's "It's About Time" October feature from the Weekly around the world. Wagner even heard from a botanist in Vietnam, who wrote to him in Vietnamese. Thanks to Google Translate Wagner found that the Vietnamese botanist really understood and summarized the phenomenon for his own readers very well. *EW* goes global!

• Neighbors have been asking who is the lone hoopster working on her moves and mid-range jumps every morning at the local pocket park. It's Taylor Mikesell, and if off-season dedication and drive translate to oncourt success, she will soon be a household name with Duck basketball fans. We're hopeful that we can keep COVID in check so that this savvy Maryland Terp transfer gets to thrill the crowds in Matthew Knight Arena

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Spirit of South Eugene

TWO EUGENE PROGRESSIVES ARE RUNNING FOR THE DISTRICT 3 LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAT

By Henry Houston

fter six terms, Commissioner Pete Sorenson decided to wrap up his time on the Lane County Board of County Commissioners. Five candidates ran for his South Eugene seat in May, but now the November runoff election is down to Joel Iboa and Laurie Trieger.

Both candidates have views that align with one of the two current historic moments in the U.S.: COVID-19 and race. In the midst of a pandemic, Trieger says she offers a public health framework that would inform her governing.

Iboa, a community organizer, says he has the perspective of being a person of color and wants to move past the commission's history of "fence sitting." He says he wants to take action to counter the region's history of racism and offer more comfort and safety to people of color in

Trieger says she started her activism at 18 years old when she was a clinic escort in Philadelphia, walking women through hostile crowds so they could access abortion services. From there, she says she's waited tables, worked in the nonprofit sector and relied on WIC as a young parent. She's also led campaigns to eliminate payday predatory loans and establish sick leave. In running for the county commission, she says she wants to find "her last job" where she can combine her lived experience with her career.

Trieger has said that if elected she wants to apply a public health framework. That means relying on data and evidence-based outcomes to make decisions. And when collaborating with commissioners who have a different perspective and ideology, she says she has a history of starting with the end of what they want to achieve and building out from there.

"If you start with something you agree on, then you might differ on how you get there, but at least you start on agreement on not clashing heads," she adds.

But she says she won't debate on whether climate change is real — because the science is settled on that.

County commissioners also serve on the board of directors of Homes for Good, the county's housing authority. Trieger says housing inventory in Lane County is behind where it needs to be. "Affordability becomes something way bevond subsidized federal-funded low-income housing," she says.

And finding money isn't the solution for solving homelessness, Trieger says. "We've had this problem for a long time," she adds. "And it's going to get worse because of COVID, because of the sheer number of people displaced from wild-

She says if everyone had a home, homelessness would still be a problem because there needs to be more money for mental health and addiction services, and workers need a living wage.

"We have to do better with providing fundamental sanitation and other ways to keep people having as much dignity as possible while they're sleeping rough," she says. "It really is an untenable humanitarian crisis."

She adds that a conversation needs to happen on finding shelter sites, like building a low-barrier shelter the "community so desperately needs."

Trieger has outraised Iboa by more than three times, pulling in \$104,875 since March 2019. Her average contribution is \$227 and her largest donation is \$7,500, from Lane County Employees Organization. According to OreStar filings, Iboa has raised nearly \$37,000 for his $campaign \, since \, September \, 2019. \, His \, average \, contribution$ is \$148 and his highest donation is \$1,000, coming from Lourdes Sanchez, a Eugene immigration lawyer.

Trieger, as the union-backed candidate, has received $donations\, from\, various\, donors\, -\, from\, unions\, to\, elected$ officials. But she's also received \$1,000 from developer

 $Ed\,King, of\,King\,Estate, who \,has\,invested\,in\,the\,TV\,Butte$

King has donated to others on the board, but Trieger says he donated to her because they've worked on food security issues in the past, and his quarry interests wouldn't change her values of environment over industry.

Born in Eugene to immigrant parents, Iboa is the coalition manager for Causa Oregon, an immigrant

Task Force.

rights organization. In 2018 he organized against Measure 105, which would have repealed Oregon's sanctuary status. He's also the chair $of Eugene's \, Human \, Rights \, Commission \, and \,$ is on the governor's Environmental Justice

Iboa says he wrote the HRC's white supremacy condemnation back in 2019, which. he adds, spurred the county commission to take action. But he says he was disappointed in the board's resolution, as well as the one on Black Lives Matter, because there wasn't specific action.

"As county commissioner, one of the first things I'd like to do is have conversations on dismantling and avoid having people who align with white supremacists' values in county government," he says.

He says he'd want to push for mandatory training for county officials on white supremacy in Oregon and establish principles so they can't be complicit.

He says that he's been disappointed at the county level that officials haven't come to terms with the reality that Oregon was founded as a whites-only state, and many people of color don't feel safe in the community.

"For too long I've seen elected officials rely on the Equity and Access Board or the Human Rights Commission or advocates like myself to be presented with solutions," he says. "I've rarely seen them come up with their own."

Iboa adds he's excited to transition from activism to decisionmaker.

Before President Donald Trump told Proud Boys to "stand back and stand by," Oregon was already dealing with growing tensions between BLM-related protests and white supremacists. If elected, Iboa says he won't sit on fences like some commissioners have.

"I'm one of the few people in the state who understands the depth of what we're facing and how sinister it is," Iboa says of white supremacy. "We have to fight back and continue to fight for democratic principles." ■



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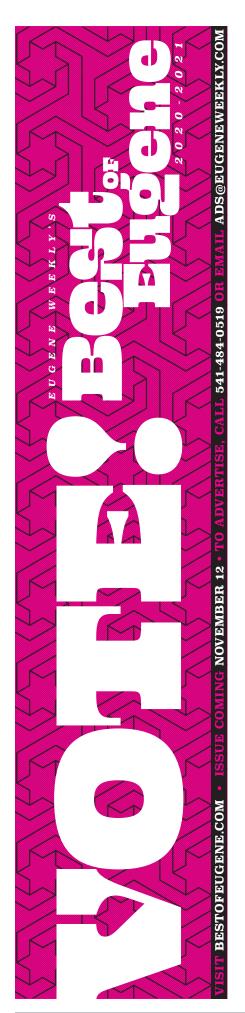


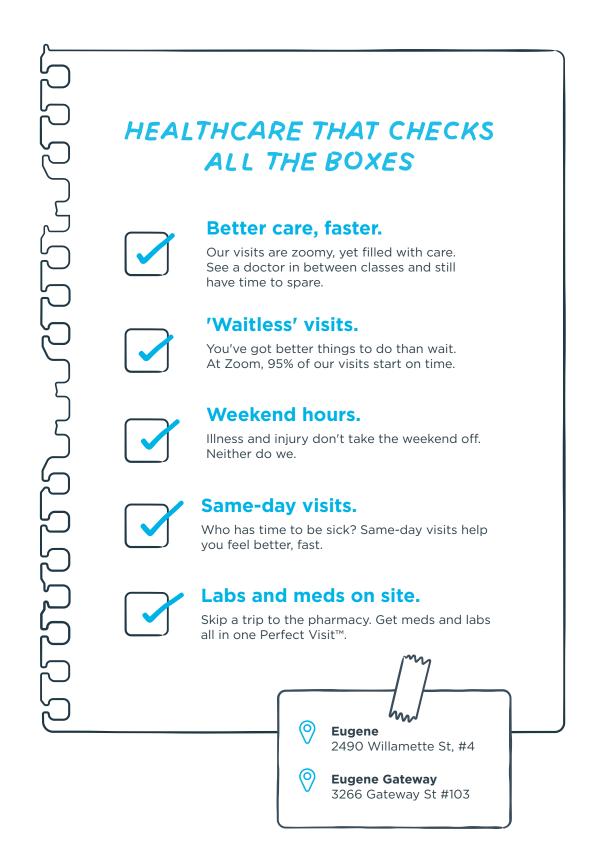


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UO's Greek Social Life and COVID-19

FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES ARE WORKING WITH THE UNIVERSITY TO AVOID OUTBREAKS THAT CAN SPREAD QUICKLY THROUGHOUT CHAPTER HOUSES By Joey Cappelletti

s students return to Eugene from across the country, the University of Oregon and the Greek Life community hope to avoid a trend that has been seen across campuses this fall.

In an email sent out to fraternity and sorority members Sept. 16, Dean of Students Kris Winter writes, "We have all seen pictures, videos, and read articles from colleges across the country where students have ignored similar restrictions. Frankly, I do not want to see the University of Oregon FSL [Fraternity and Sorority Life] community painted in that same light, and I know you do not, either."

Winter outlined how fall term will look for Fraternity and Sorority Life. All in-person social events in both chapter houses and live outs are prohibited. Additionally, Fall Recruitment activities and meetings will be done virtually. Students who ignore these guidelines or participate in social gatherings of 10 people or more will be subject to student conduct actions, according to the Dean of Students office.

But after months of preparation, the UO was already struggling with outbreaks linked to Greek Life before

school even started. Lane County Public Health's weekly report showed that in the week ending Sept. 27, three outbreaks were associated with the University of Oregon Greek system. Both the Oregon Health Authority and University of Oregon wouldn't specify if they were further investigating these outbreaks or if the Greek houses would be disciplined.

Between Sept. 21 and Sept. 27, 69 UO students tested positive for COVID, which accounts for 54 percent of all positive tests since the university first started reporting June 12. Fall term classes began Sept. 29.

Blake Edwards, Sigma Alpha Epsilon's health and safety officer, says he has been working for months to meet all the standards of the university, national fraternity chapter and the state to create a detailed plan for students returning. The university and Dean of Students office asked all fraternities and sororities to submit fall resumption plans that were then reviewed by the dean of students and Fraternity and Sorority Life office, according to Winter.

Edwards says that Sigma Alpha Epsilon has reduced the number of people living in its main chapter house from

 $44\,\mathrm{to}\,30$ members to ensure that every person has their own room. The fraternity will also have a designated room and bathroom on the third floor that will only be used for individuals that test positive and need to quarantine. Edwards says they are trying to learn from the mistakes that other fraternities have made to improve their plans.

"We have all these protocols in place, but it only takes one person to get infected and then come spread it throughout the house. There have been about eight of us putting in a lot of hard work to make this all possible, but all it takes is one person not following the rules to ruin it for everyone," he says.

While the dean of students has entered into a partnership with PeaceHealth, Lane County Public Health and the fire marshal's office to do walk-throughs of chapter houses and give feedback, the university can't enforce safety measures within the houses because they are privately owned properties.

Senior and Sigma Alpha Epsilon member Braden Foster says he plans on waiting a couple of weeks before moving in to ensure there isn't an initial outbreak in the chapter house. Foster also says that some members have no choice but to go live in these larger chapter houses even if they don't feel totally comfortable because they have already paid their dues.

Foster was required to pay \$2,900 in dues for the spring term even though he wasn't allowed to live in the chapter house due to COVID-19.

"I do want to go back, and I do have a big single room there, but at the same time, I would have rather been able to get an apartment with a friend and known that they were safe instead of getting forced into this situation," Foster says. "But it's tough when you're already spending this much money."





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Getting COVID Isn't Cool

I'M A STUDENT WHO GOT COVID SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO By Jack Forrest

woke up Friday, Sept. 18, feeling stressed – significantly more than the usual levels I've come to know since mid-March. A friend of a friend had just tested positive for COVID-19, and now it was my turn to go get tested.

I drove straight over to Nova Urgent Care on Coburg Road and sat in my car as I waited to be tested. The nurse brought me inside, swabbed the inside of my nose, careful to avoid my new nose ring that I was excited to show off, and then left me to wait as the 15-minute rapid test decided my fate.

Those minutes passed slowly, but finally, a physician joined me in the room to tell me the news: I was negative.

 $Relief washed over \,me.\,I\,am\,from\,Eugene\,originally\,and$ a student at the University of Oregon. My parents still live in town, and I still see them often, so I was worried. Plus, I've been seeing a girl I'm crazy about, but she has an autoimmune disorder on top of a bad history with pneumonia that puts her at high-risk should I pass on the virus. All excited, I went over that evening to her house to spread the good news.

Two days later, I was sitting in that same urgent care with the same physician after experiencing shortness of breath and chills all day Saturday. This go-around he had a new message for me: "So, we got a different result

I left town that night with my tail between my legs. I am very privileged to have two parents who could drop $everything\,on\,Sunday\,and\,grab\,enough\,groceries\,to\,feed$ a village. They left the food in their driveway, I picked up the brown grocery bags and drove two hours to a cabin outside of Sisters my grandparents have owned for more than 30 years.

When I got there, I wallowed in guilt while coughing uncontrollably and guzzling ibuprofen for the splitting headache and chills that had so rudely crept up on me since I first received that negative test. While the symptoms I was feeling were painful, nothing was worse than having to break the news to my friends, family and the girl I liked that I had placed them all in danger.

The guilt I was feeling was well warranted, but the

grace of those around me was surprising and welcome. I had messed up, but I remained honest with them from the beginning. As I talked through my timeline with a sweet contact tracer named Jennifer, I realized that what I thought to be safe and careful behavior was anything but that.

Over the past week, I was in contact with multiple different groups of six to 10 close friends. Those numbers add up quickly. So quick, in fact, I still to this day don't know $who\,I\,got\,the\,virus\,from.\,A\,roommate$ tested positive the day after me, my good friend's roommate tested positive, a girl I hugged hello earlier that week tested positive and who knows the number of other possibilities. Long story short, I was now the dumb college kid I like to throw stones at from my ethical high horse.

In a Tuesday, Sept. 22, press conference, Jason Davis, $spokes person \, for \, Lane \, County \, Public \, Health, addressed$ just these types of small gatherings. He said that the rise in cases we are seeing in the county is coming from "very well-intentioned, small gatherings" that lull people into a false sense of safety and keep people from wearing masks.

Ellen Peters, the director of the Center for Science Communication Research at UO, tweets every week about student chances of being in contact with a positive COVID case. Like the approaching horse of the COVID apocalypse, Peters's tweets get bleaker and bleaker. On Oct. 3, she analyzed the most recent Lane County Public Health data to inform students that when attending a gathering of 10 people, they have a 6 percent chance of being in contact with COVID; in gatherings of 100 UO students, that likelihood increases to 45 percent.

Getting COVID is not cool. Sure, I probably can't get it again for at least three months, but I also now share a kinship I'd rather not have with President Donald Trump.

Beyond that, getting the virus is dangerous. I am a

22-year-old with no pre-existing conditions that would place me at high risk, and let me tell you, those 10 days of quarantine were riddled with moments of near unconsciousness, trouble breathing and extreme nausea. What if I passed this to someone else? After nearly a week of symptoms, I finally began to feel better. A few days after my last fever, I was able to re-enter society, but after a full week without the virus, I still have an annoying coughand catch in my lungs.

> Luckily, that girl I'm seeing tested negative multiple times and is feeling fine, as are my two parents, but the spread does

> > not end there or with me and mine. As of Sept. 30, the 97401 zip code encompassing most off-campus UO students saw a spike of 90 cases over the week before, the largest spike in the state of $Oregon-no\,doubt\,due\,to\,the$

> > > return of students to campus.

While I am guilty of hanging out with small groups of friends, something dangerous enough on its own, many UO students are partying like it's 2019. Gatherings of more than 30 people packed into a small campus house are not a rare sight any night of the week. If you

a few blocks off-campus. Packed crowds indoors with poor ventilation are the perfect conditions for a super spreader event where transmission rates surpass the average rate of transmission. Because of this, 80 percent of cases are caused by just 19 percent of COVID patients, according to research out of Hong Kong.

don't believe me, take a stroll down Ferry Street,

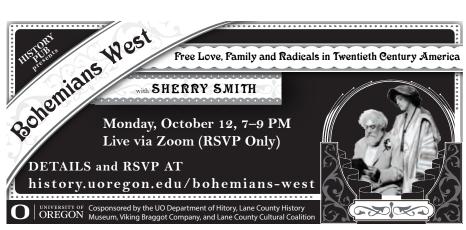
It is easy to draw the conclusion that a college campus is ripe to produce these dangerous conditions. Cities like Boulder, Colorado, have implemented a ban on all gatherings of people age 18-22 for 14 days starting on Sept. 24.

The ban aimed at University of Colorado students keeps young people from gathering in any way outside of their immediate home. While harsh, measures like these may become necessary to keep young, peer-pressure prone college students from spurring the downfall of the communities they parachute into every fall.

It is hard to understand the consequences of your seemingly harmless actions, until it's too late. The guilt isn't worth it, the fever isn't worth it, and the people around you are depending on you to keep them safe. ■

Allan Kluber - Ceramics Open Air Studio Show & Sale

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what's. happening

As the Nov. 3 election draws closer, the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication is doing a five part series of webinars about journalism, politics and the 2020 election. "These conversations feature UO faculty experts discussing an array of key issues related to the news, politics and this historic period were all living through – from sports and social activism to race to gender to connections with rural communities," Professor Seth Lewis says via email. Lewis continues: "At a time when politics has become so divisive and debates seem to devolve too easily into chaos, we hope these conversations can serve as an important function - for students and the entire UO community as well as for people around the state - in convening dialogue around a shared set of research insights, historical lessons and practical solutions," Each session will run one hour; the first 45 minutes will be a conversation with the panelists, and the final 15 minutes will be questions from the audience. Lewis will moderate, and Associate Professor Nicole Dahmen will host.

The next panel is 5 pm Monday, Oct. 12, focusing on "Sports, Journalism and Social Activism." The panel consists of professors Troy Elias and Lori Shontz and UO student athlete Jevon Holland. To register and learn more about the series, go to SOJC.link/2020-webinars. – Chandlor Henderson

GENERAL

LISTINGS ARE FREE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

ACTIVIST ALERT

Wednesday, Oct. 14: HRC Homelessness and Poverty Work Group (online), 2-3:30pm, Eugene-or.gov. Click Eugene-or-gov.Zoom. us/j/91744463526 to join webinar.

FARMERS MARKETS

Farn Stand Reopening (thru Oct. 31), 10am-6pm, Organic Redneck Growers, 44382 McKenzie Hwy, Walterville.

Eugene Environmental Film Festival (Oct. 2-11), all day. Link at EugVoff.org.

Zoom classes at YMCA.org. Zoom workout classes at CrossFit. Email Contact@ CrossFitIntensify.com for more info.

Workout classes at IAmForeverStrong.com.

Workout classes at Evolve Fitness Studios. More info at EvolveFitnessStudios Facebook page.

Yoga classes at EugeneYoga. us; WildLightYogaCenter com; EugeneMudra.com; HotYogaEugeneBalanced. com; YogaEugene.com.

ONLINE ENTERTAINMENT

Oregon State Parks, Nature: Live in Your Family Room, OregonStateParks.org.

"Springfield Public Llbrary Where Minds Grow," Spring-field Public Library YouTube channel.

ART EXHIBITS

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, JSMA.Uoregon.edu.

Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead Exhibit, thru Nov. 2, Maude Kerns Art Ct.

Block Play Reduction Linocuts by Connie Mueller & Wood Sculptures by Dale

Lotus Gallery. David Simone: Cuba - An Outsider's View of Place and People, thru Nov. 14, Dot Dotson's.

Mueller, thru Nov. 14, White

New Zone Art Gallery Annex Opening, thru Nov. 7, Smith's Family Bookstore.

Tom Blodgett: Faces, Figures and Phantoms: A Partia Self-Portrait, Sept. 30-Oct. 31, Karin Clarke Gallery.

Benefit Exhibit for First Step Solutions (thru Nov. 30), Silver Lining Boutique, 2217 Hwy. 101, Florence.

River Gallery Window Artist Show - Sue Mason (thru Oct. 31),River Gallery, 184 S. Main St, Independence.

ONLINE LECTURES/CLASSES

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule.

Classes and programs online w/ Museum of Natural & Cultural History (UO), MNCH.Uoregon.edu.

Opportunities at Extension (including the Virtual Fall Festival). OregonState.edu. Oregon State University Extension Service.

FAMILY/KIDS

Bilingual Storywalk outside Petersen Barn, thru Oct. 31. More info at Eugene Public Library (Eugene-or-.gov/library).

Adventure! Children's Museum 5th Annual Family Halloween Event (online), Oct. 13 thru 31, including online Pumpkin Sale. More info at AdventureChildrens Museum.org.

ONLINE PERFORMANCE

FANS on Relix.com. Some streams FREE, others cost. More info at Relix.com.

ONLINE SPIRITUAL

Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, via Zoom. Meetings can be found at BlueCliffZen.org.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

Mαke Believe, 6pm, Lane Events Center Drive-in. \$30 per car.

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NamiLane.

KIDS/FAMILY

Surprise Me Bag Sale (Warehouse book sale thru Sunday), all day. More info at LibraryFriendsMarket.com.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Calming Yoga via Zoom, noon-1pm. RSVP at Vista-Psych.com.

Spread Peace, online support, noon-1pm, BethGreen.

Stay at Home Lecture Series w/ OSU College of Forestry, 3pm, Oregon-

Anxiety - Trade it for Mental Peace, 6-7:30 pm. More info at MeditateInEugene. org. \$2.

Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council Annual Celebration, 6-7pm. More info at MiddleForkWillamette.org.

Navigating Perimenopause and Menopause, 6-7pm. More info at As You Like It. Facebook page. \$5.

MUSIC

Kaleo Young, 7pm, beergarden.

Anya Lecuyer Trio, 6pm. Territorial Vineyards.

ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV,

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29.

Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

PERFORMANCE

Eugene Symphony Orchestra Quirky Thursdays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9

ART/CRAFT

Second Friday Art Talk, 5-7pm, Emerald Art Ctr, 500 Main St, Springfield.

New Zone Art Gallery Annex Opening, 5:30pm, Smith Family Bookstore.

FOOD/DRINK

Pizza Night at Capitello Wines w/ Pizzeria DOP!, 4-8pm, Capitello Wines, 540 Charnelton St.

GATHERINGS

City Club of Eugene (Candidate Forum: Oregon House, Districts 8 & 11), noon Eugene City Club Facebook Page and again on Monday, Oct. 12 on KLCC, 89.7 FM

Food Not Bombs, cooking starts at noon (email EugeneFoodNotBombs@ gmail for location, serves at 4pm at Park Blocks next to fountains.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Eugene Public Library lecture series ("The Best Wine Pairings for Romance, Mystery and Historical Fiction Novels"), noon, Zoom link at EPLFoundation.org.

MUSIC

Catlin & McLaughlin, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards

Mava Love, 6:30pm, Mac's Night Club & Restaurant.

Damien Jurado, 7pm, Wildcraft Cider House. Tickets start at \$72.

Friday Night Folk Music Live Stream, 7pm. More info at Kathryn Rose Celtic Folk Music Festival Facebook page.

PERFORMANCE

Eugene Symphony Or-chestra Epic Fridays, 7pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

"Virtual Cinema" w/ Broadway Metro. More info at BroadwayMetro.com.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

FARMERS MARKETS

Lane County Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

Spencer Creek Growers Market, 10am-3pm, Spencer Creek Grange, 86013 Lorane Hwy.

FOOD/DRINK

Pizza Night at Capitello Wines w/ Pizzeria DOP! 4-8pm, Capitello Wines, 540 Charnelton St.

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 9:30am-3:30pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

AAUW Eugene-Lane Branch Meeting: Ballot Initiatives, 10am-noon. More info at EugeneLane-or.AAUW.net.

KIDS/FAMILY

Springfield Public Library Virtual Lego Club, 3:30pm. Email Mark Riddle at Mriddle@Springfield-or.gov or call 541-726-2238.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Oregon Cancer Foundation Mini Conference: Topics in Breast Cancer, 9am-5pm. More info at OregonCan-cerFoundation.org. \$15 per session or \$50 all access

Ananda Vinyasa~Free Yoga in the Park, 10-11am, Fern Park, 8th St, Veneta.

MARKETS

Eugene Saturday Market, 10am-5pm, Park Blocks, E. 8th Ave. & Oak St.

MUSIC

Geoffrey Mays, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards.

The Concrete Delta Trio. 6:30pm, Mac's Night Club & Restaurant.

Shook Twins, 7pm, Wildcraft Cider House. Tickets start at \$72.

ON THE AIR

The Dr. Yeti Show Opm-midnight, KOCF, 92.5 FM or streamed at KOCF.

The Institute of Spectra Sound, 10pm-midnight, KEPW, 97.3 FM

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11

FARMERS MARKETS

Dexter Lake Farmers Market, noon-4pm, Rolling Rock Park, 100 North Shore Dr, Lowell.

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade,11am-4pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org.

HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Springfield.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Weekly Guided Meditation and Dharma Talk w/ Tulku Jigme Rinpoche Zoom Event, 10amnoon. More info at PalmoCen-

Whiteaker Community Market, 11am-4pm, Scobert Park, 4th Ave and Blair

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm, Eugene-Insight.com.

MONDAY

GATHERINGS

Granny Rocks, 6:30pm. RSVP at BethGreen.as.me.

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org,

LECTURES/CLASSES

Ananda Vinyasa~Free Yoga in the Park, 7-8pm, Fern Park, 8th St, Veneta.

How to Solve our Human Problems, 6-7:30pm. RSVP

noon-12:30pm, RSVP at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1. Musical Mondays (music

Plot Your Novel for NaNoWriMo w/ Springfield Public Library, 6-8pm. More info at NanoWrimo.org/how-it-works.

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 13

Green Start Play Day, 10am-11:30am. Alton Baker Park. 622 Day Island Rd. More info at NearbyNature.org. FREE for members, \$7 per family

for non members

noon-12:30pm. RSVP at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Workshops, 1-3 pm, Word-Crafters.org. \$125-145.

Holland, 5pm, UOregon. Zoom.us/webina.

RECREATION

Tuesdays w/ Ty (virtual

Tuesday night trivia w/ Nic, 7:30pm, Rennie's Landing, 1214 Kincaid St.

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 14 GATHERINGS

Drum Circle, 6pm, New Zone Art Gallery, 22 W. 7th Ave.

Connection Peer Support Group at NAMILane.org. RSVP at NAMILane.org

KIDS/FAMILY

Little Notes Music Time, 9:30am, Suzuki Music School Facebook page.

Family Wednesdays w/ Eugene Symphony Orchestra, 7pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong Facebook page.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Ananda Vinyasa~Free Yoga in the Park, 10-11am, Fern Park, 8th St, Veneta.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. RSVP at MeditateInEugene.org. \$1.

Teen & Young Writers' Workshops, 1-3 pm, Word-Crafters.org. \$125-145.

Calm-Abiding Meditation of-fered by The Palmo Center for Peace and Education, 7-7:30pm. PalmoCenter.org.

MUSIC St. Clair & Pabst, 6:30pm,

The Public House THURSDAY

OCTOBER 15

HEALTH NAMI Family Support Zoom Group at NAMILane.org, 7pm. RSVP at NamiLane. org.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Calming Yoga via Zoom, noon-1pm. RSVP at Vista-Psych.com.

Spread Peace, online support, noon-1pm, BethGreen. as.me Stay at Home Lecture

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Forestry, 3pm, Oregon-State.edu. Anxiety - Trade it for Mental Peace, 6-7:30 pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.

org. \$2. MUSIC

ON THE AIR

Cherry Hill, 7pm, beergarden. Diga Diga Doo, 7:30pm, The Shedd. \$22-30.

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29. Thursday Night Jazz, 10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

PERFORMANCE Eugene Symphony Orchestra Quirky Thursdays, 5pm, Francesco Lecce-Chong

Facebook page. ATTENTION

In this unprecedented time of urgent need, Lane County Mutual Aid, in partnership with the Eugene/Springfield Chapter of the NAACP, is seeking to raise money for community members in need, especially those in the BIPOC community of Lane County. The NAACP has pledged \$10,000, \$2,000 a month from August-December, to communities of color in Lane County. With over \$100,000 in aid requested so far, this partnership hopes the community will take action and donate to reduce the gap between demonstrated need and the available funds. The financial support — with no invasive questions, no proof of income required and no barriers — will aid families and individuals who are behind on rent, need money for a move-in deposit, to have car repair work done to maintain employment, and more. If you are interested in contributing to the pro-gram, go to Donorbox.org/ LaneMutualAid-Fundraiser.

ter.org. \$15 sug. Donation.

MARKETS

Blvd. SPIRITUAL

OCTOBER 12

HEALTH

7pm. RSVP at NamiLane.org.

at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2. Lunchtime Meditation,

education videos), 10 am, Eugene Symphony Orchestra Facebook page.

FARMERS MARKETS

Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am-3pm, Park Blocks, 8th Ave. and Oak St. KIDS/FAMILY

LECTURES/CLASSES Lunchtime Meditation,

Teen & Young Writers'

Journalism, Politics and the 2020 Election, webinar series ("Sports, Journalism and Social Activism" w/ Associate Professor Troy Elias, Professor Lori Shontz & UO student-athlete Jevon

trivia), 7pm, Hult Center), Facebook page.

HEALTH



The Early Bird Cool Cat

SEATTLE SINGER-SONGWRITER DAMIEN JURADO HEADLINES WILDFIRE BENEFIT IN EUGENE

By Will Kennedy

ince our phone call is scheduled bright and early, Seattle indie singer-songwriter Damien Jurado seems to be a morning person. This challenges my notion that touring musicians like Jurado must be night owls, especially ones who play the kind of moody, late-night music for which Jurado is known.

When I ask him about being an early riser, he says, "Being a parent sort of forces you to be." He also says life on the road necessitates that schedule more than I might expect: always up and off to play the next town over.

This pragmatic sensibility is in character for the musician. Since the 1990s, Jurado has built a career around simple, largely acoustic songs that are too unusual to be considered coffeeshop variety singer-songwriter material, but too based in storytelling to completely fit the mold of indie rock.

In May, Jurado released What's New, Tomboy. And on Oct. 9, he plays the first of a socially distant two-night benefit for those affected by recent wildfires in the McKenzie River area, presented by the Hult Center.

Throughout his career, Jurado has remained interested in subtle, understated character sketches. His guitar work, usually played fingerstyle, alternates between acoustic and electric, with chord voicings and harmonies that could be described as Beatlesque.

Overall, he belongs among a handful of musicians who typify the quiet side of Pacific Northwest indie music. At heart, he's a traditionalist: mellower than Jeremy Enigk or Doug Martsch, less avant-garde than Phil Elverum and without the bleeding-edge of Elliott Smith.

While none of these artists sound much like one another, they nevertheless share a community that defies



 $easy\,description.\,After\,all, how\,do\,you\,put\,into\,words\,the$ feeling of breathing deeply into your lungs the marine air of Puget Sound? Imagine that, and you've come close.

There's also a bit of mature Elvis Costello albums like All This Useless Beauty on Tomboy, especially with the relatively rocking album-opener "Birds Tricked into the Trees," when the record's only real percussion shows

Elsewhere, there's some of the Davies brothers from The Kinks in the baroque-pop keyboard work in "When We Were Few," and the autumnal tone of Nick Drake on songs like "Francine" and "The End of the Road."

Since *Tomboy* is Jurado's fourth album in five years, I wonder about the creative process for such a prolific

Ceramic Implants Are A Metal-Free, Holistic Option "You'll love how durable, natural-looking, and bio-compatible they are!" artist. Writing a song is like petting a cat,

"You can sit there and try and beckon your cat and it just sits there," he explains. The cat may simply stare at you from across the room. "That's kind of how my songs are,"

"If you ignore your cat," he continues, "they come to you. The best way for me to write songs is to just be going about living my life. I find, when that happens, songs really start showing up."

To deal with the pandemic-related musicindustry shutdown, Jurado has relied on mindfulness principles he learned as part of a 12-step program.

"People are in a very tough place right now," he says. While he realizes there's a lot of change going on in the world, he knows he can't control much beyond his one block radius. To do his part, he's been busy writing songs.

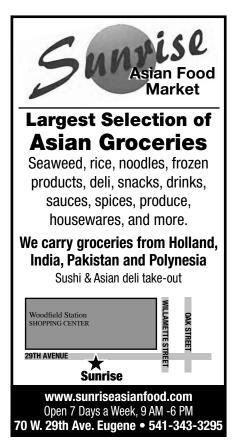
"I was just talking with my studio engineer," Jurado says, "I said, 'Hey, when people open back up here, we've got a lot of records to record. I've written seven albums."

 $Jurado\,didn't\,expect\,to\,play\,a\,live\,show\,at\,all\,for\,at\,least$ a year, so he and his agent said, "Take that 2020!" when the request to play a show in Eugene came through his inbox. The fact it was a wildfire benefit only sealed the deal.

"The opportunity to play in the Pacific Northwest, I always jump at," he adds. "I'd much rather play in our region than anywhere else. It's home." ■

Music for the McKenzie concert series, a Hult Presents production, kicksoff with an evening with Damien Jurado, 7 pm Friday, Oct. 9. The concert will feature pod-style seating outdoors at Wildcraft Cider Works, in full observance of all COVID-19 related health and safety guidelines.

Tickets range from two-person pods for \$72 up to \$270 VIP 6-person pods. The Shook Twins headline the second night of the event, with a portion of proceeds going to benefit those affected by the Holiday Farm Fire along $the \, \textit{McKenzie River. Tickets for each night sold separately; all-ages.}$







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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LAND COUNTY FOR LANE COUNTY IN THE MATTE Jardianship of CADENCE OCHOA ent. Case No. 20PR00321 NOTICE NDED PETITION TO APPOINT

MICHAEL AND CLAREESE CARRICK AS MICHAEL AND CLAREESE CARRICK AS PERMANENT CO-GAURDIANS (MINOR). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 24, 2020, the undersigned filed a petition for the appointment of Michael and Clareese Carrick as temporary and permanent co-guardians for Cadence Ochoa. On March 11, 2020, the petition was amended A cony of the amended petition amended. A copy of the amended petition accompanies this notice. Petitioner's name, address, and telephone number are: Michael and Clareese Carrick, 1475 Greenacres #28, Eugene, OR 97408, 541-609-0212. Petitioners are the respon-609-0212. Petitioners are the respondent's grandparents. Objections to the temporary and permanent co-guardianship must be filed in the above Court on or before November 2nd, 2020. Written objections may be made by mailing or delivering the objection, along with the applicable fee, to Lane County Circuit Court, 125 East 8th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401. Oral objections may be made as designated by the court. NOTICE IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE COPIES OF FUTURE FILINGS ITHIS CASE. YOU MUST INFORM THE THIS CASE, YOU MUST INFORM THE JUDGE AND THE PERSON NAMED AS JUDGE AND THE PERSON NAMED AS PETITIONER IN THIS NOTICE. YOU MUST INFORM THE JUDGE BY FILING A REQUEST FOR NOTICE AND PAYING ANY APPLICABLE FEE. THE REQUEST FOR NOTICE MUST BE IN WRITING, MUST CLEARLY INDICATE THAT YOU WISH TO RECEIVE FUTURE FILINGS IN THE PROCEEDINGS AND MUST CONTAIN YOUR NAME ADDRESS AND PHONE NIMBER NAME ADDRESS AND PHONE NIMBER NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. YOU MUST NOTIFY THE PERSON NAMED AS PETITIONER BY MAILING A COPY OF THE REQUEST TO THE PETITIONER. UNLESS YOU TAKE THESE STEPS, YOU UNLESS YOU TAKE THESE STEPS, YOU
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Petitioners, 142 West 8th Ave, Eugene,
Oregon 97401 PH: 541-343-1110 FAX: 541485.7742 IN THE CIRCUIT COLIET OF THE 485-7742. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY In the Matter of the Guardianship of CADENCE OCHOA, Respondent. Case No. 20PR00321 AMENDED PETITION TO 20PRO0321 AMENDED PETITION TO APPOINT MICHAEL AND CLAREESE

of a guardian. The facts that support this of a guardian. The facts that support this request for a guardianship are as follows: The proposed co-guardians have had custody of the Respondent since June of 2016 when Respondent's mother handed Respondent over to them. The proposed Co-Guardians are the parents of Respondent's mother. Respondent's mother, Sara McMakin, is currently homeless and facing intermittent addiction issues. and facing intermittent addiction issues. Respondent's mother is in no position to and expresses no desire to, provide care for the proposed protected person. Respondent's father, DeShelly Hamilton, Respondent's father, DeShelly Hamilton, has never played a role in Respondent's life. Respondent has only met him once, when she was four or five years old. Respondent's parents are both expected to consent to this petition to appoint Co-Guardians. 5. The following less-re-strictive alternatives to the Appointment of no-guardians were considered and the of co-guardians were considered, and the reasons why these alternatives are inadequate are as follows: A "Temporary Guardianship," executed on a form between the proposed protected person's between the proposed protected person's mother and the proposed co-guardians, but not sanctioned by any court or having any authority under Oregon law, has been in place since June of 2016. Respondent requires an official permanent guardian to obtain a passport and enroll in the coguardians' health insurance, neither of which is possible without the legal status of heips a protected person having a of being a protected person having a guardian. 6. The proposed co- guardians do not intend to place the respondent in a mental health treatment facility, a nursing home, or other residential facility. 7. The home, or other residential facility. 7. The proposed co- guardians are not a public or private agency or organization that provides services to the respondent or an employee of a public or private agency or organization that provides services to the respondent. 8. The proposed co- guardians are not professional fiduciaries, as defined in ORS 125.240 and ORS 125.242.

The proposed co-guardians will not The proposed co-guardians will not exercise control over the respondent's estate. The estimated value of the estate is \$0. The respondent's monthly income is \$0. The guardian will be holding money of

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CARRICK AS PERMANENT CO-GAURDIANS (MINOR). This petition is amended to correct the name of the Respondent. The following information is given withregard to the Respondent and the Co-Petitioners, the proposed co-guardians. 1. Respondent Information: Name: Cadence Ochoa Age: 16 Birth Date: December 4, 2003 Address: 16 Birth Date: December 4, 2003 Address: 1475 Greenacres #28 Eugene, Oregon 97408 Current Location: Same. Petitioners, proposed permanent co-guardians: Name: Michael and Clareese Carrick, husband and wife Ages: Michael Carrick - 65. Clareese Carrick - 64. Address: 1475 Greenacres #28 Eugene, Oregon 97408. Interest: To promote and protect the well-being of Respondent. protect the well-being of Respondent. Relationship: Grandparents of Respondent. 2. The proposed co-guardians have never been convicted of a crime, filed for bankruptcy, or had a license revoked or canceled that was required by the laws of any state for the practice of a profession or occupation. 3. The proposed co-guardians are willing and able to serve as the respondent's co-guardians. 4. Appointment of co-guardians is sought because the respondent is a minor in need

the respondent in the amount of \$0 at the time of appointment. 10. The petitioners time of appointment. 10. The petitioners are not asking for plenary authority for the fiduciary. 11. A visitor must be appointed in this proceeding. 12. The venue for this proceeding lies in Lane County because the respondent resides in this county. No other court in the State of Oregon, or any other state, has jurisdiction in this matter and no guardian previously has been appointed for the respondent. WHEREFORE, the petitioner prays for a limited judgment: a) Appointing Michael and Clareese Carrick as Co-Guardians for Cadence Ochoa; b) Appointing a visitor; c) Cadence Ochoa; b) Appointing a visitor; c) Waiving any bond; and d) Directing that letters of co-guardianship issue to Michae and Clareese Carrick, I AM A PETITIONER IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED MATTER AND IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED MATTER AND HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT I UNDERSTAND IT IS MADE FOR USE AS EVIDENCE IN COURT AND IS SUBJECT TO PENALTY FOR PERJURY. Michael Carrick, Co-Petitioner Dated this 24th day of September, 2020. I AM A PETITIONER IN THE ABOVE- ENTITLED MATTER AND

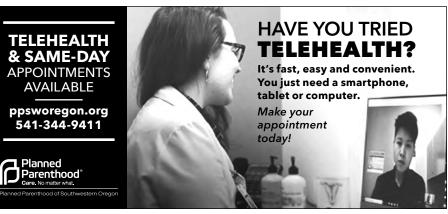
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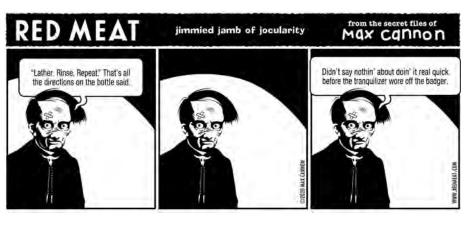
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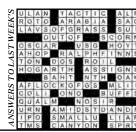
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says actress Susan Clark. I heartily agree. The people with whom you can cultivate the most resilient bonds and most interesting synergy are those who have a high degree of self-sufficiency — those who take rigorous responsibility for themselves and treat themselves with tender compassion. In the coming weeks, Aries, I think it's especially important for you to emphasize relationships with allies who fit that description. Bonus! Their exemplary self-care will influence you to vigorously attend to your own self-care.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): According to my reading of the astrological potentials, the coming weeks will be an excellent time for you to take a *vacation in reverse*. What's that? It's when you devote yourself to renewing and reinvigorating your relationship with the work you love. You intensify your excitement for the vocation or job or long-term quest that teaches you $important\ life\ lessons.\ You\ apply\ yourself\ with\ sublime\ enthus iasm\ to\ honing\ the\ discipline\ you$ need to fulfill the assignments you came to earth to accomplish.

 \pmb{GEMINI} (MAY 21-JUNE 20): "If you are not having fun you are doing something wrong," said edian Groucho Marx. He was exaggerating so as to drive home his humorous point, but his idea contains some truth — and will be especially applicable to you in the immediate future. According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you have a temporary exemption from feeling frantically dour and unpleasantly dutiful. As crazy as the world is right now, you have a cosmic mandate to enjoy more playtime and amusement than usual. The rest of us are depending on you to provide us with doses of casual cheer.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): "Leave the door open for the unknown, the door into the dark," writes Cancerian author Rebecca Solnit, adding, "That's where the most important things come from." I think this is good advice for you in the coming weeks. What exactly does it mean? How and why should you do what she advises? My first suggestion is to reframe your conception of the unknown and the dark. Imagine them as the source of everything new; as the place from which the future comes; as the origin of creative changes. Then instruct your imagination to be adventurous as it explores brewing possibilities in the dark and the unk

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): "If something comes to life in others because of you, then you have made an approach to immortality," wrote author Norman Cousins. Whether or not you believe the "immortality" part of his formulation, I'm sure you understand how fabulous it is when you help activate beauty and vitality in someone. You may even feel that inspiring people to unleash their dormant potential is one of the most noble pleasures possible. I bring these thoughts to your attention, Leo, because I suspect that you now have exceptional power to perform services like these for your allies, friends, and loved ones. I dare you to make it one of your top priorities.

 \emph{VIRGO} (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): "The Messiah will come when we don't need him any more," said author Franz Kafka. In that spirit, and in alignment with current astrological omens, I will tell you that the precise help you wish you could attract into your life will show up as soon as you make initial efforts to provide that help to yourself. Here are some additional nuances: The gift or blessing you think you need most will be offered to you by fate once you begin giving that gift or blessing to yourself. A rescuer will arrive not too long after you take steps to rescue yourself. You'll finally figure out how to make practical use of a key lesson as you're teaching that lesson to someone you care for.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): Libran author Ursula K. Le Guin said that we don't just naturally know how to create our destinies. It takes research and hard work. "All of us have to learn how to invent our lives, make them up, imagine them," she wrote, "We need to be taught these skills: we need guides to show us how. If we don't, our lives get made up for us by other people." I bring this to your attention, Libra, because the coming weeks will be an excellent time to upgrade and refine your mastery of these essential powers. What can you do to enhance your capacity to invent your life? Which teachers and information sources might be helpful?

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): In 1984, hip hop group Run-DMC was the first to achieve a gold record in its genre, meaning it sold more than 500,000 albums. Run-DMC's next album sold more than a million. The duo were pioneers. In 1986, legendary producer Rick Rubin encouraged them to do a remake of "Walk This Way." a song by the hard rock band Aerosomith. The members of Run-DMC didn"t want to do it; they felt the tune was in a genre too unlike their own. But Rubin eventually convinced them, and the cross-pollination was phenomenally successful. The $\,$ Run-DMC-meets-Aerosmith collaboration launched a new genre that sold very well. The song was later voted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. In this spirit, and in accordance with current cosmic rhythms, I urge you to try a bold hybrid or two yourself, Scorpio: blends of elements or ces that may seem a bit improbable. They could ultimately yield big dividends

 $SAGITTARIUS \hbox{ (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): You Sagittarians periodically go through phases when the property of the p$ you specialize in stirring up fresh intuitions. I mean, you're always one of the zodiac's Intuition Champions, but during these special times, your flow becomes an overflow. You have a knack for seeking and finding visions of the interesting future; you get excited by possibilities that are on the frontiers of your confidence. From what I can tell, your life in recent weeks has been bringing you these delights — and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Take maximum advantage. Aggressively gather in the gifts being offered by your inner teacher.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Calling on my expert knowledge of healing language and imaginative psychology, I have formulated a mantra for you to use in the next six weeks. I suggest you say it five times after you wake up, and again at mid-day, and before dinner, and before sleep. It should help keep you intimately aligned with the dynamic groove that the cosmos will be conspiring to provide for you. For best results, picture yourself as glowing inside with the $\,$ qualities named in the mantra. Here it is: StrongBrightFree ClearBoldBrisk DeepNimbleKind AdroitSteadyWarm.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): The Grammy Museum in Los Angeles features displays that extol the musicians who've won Grammy Awards over the years. A few years ago, a distinctly non famous musician named Paz Dylan made professional-looking fake posters touting his own magnificent accomplishments and managed to sneakily hang them on the museum walls. They remained there for a month before anyone noticed. I'm going to encourage you to engage in similar gamesmanship in the coming weeks, Aquarius. It'll be a favorable time to use ingenuity nventional approaches to boost your confidence and enhance your reputation

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): "Relationships never stop being a work in progress," writes author Nora Roberts. That's bad news and good news. It's bad news because even for the most loving bond, you must tirelessly persist in the challenging task of reinventing the ways the two of you fit together. It's good news because few activities can make you more emotionally intelligent and soulfully wise than continually reinventing the ways the two of you fit together. I bring these thoughts to your attention because the coming weeks will be a fertile time for such daunting and rewarding work.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE In the Matter of the Adoption of: JAX DONALD POE, a minor child. Case No. 20AP00337 POE, a minor child. Case No. 20APO0337 SUMMONS To: Brad Donald Poe Jr., address 11010 6lst E Ave, Apt 102, Puyallup, WA 98373. You must file with the court a written answer to the motion for order to show cause and the order within 30 days after the date on which you are served with this summons or, if service is made by publication or posting under ORCP 7 D(6), within 30 days from the date of last publication or posting. If you fail to file a written answer to the motion for order to show cause and to the motion for order to show cause and to the order within the time provided, the court, without further notice and in your absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to entering a general judgment of adoption of the child if the court determines, on the date the answer is required or on a future date, that your consent is not required and that the adoption is in the child's best interests. If you file an answer to the motion for order to show cause and to the order, the court will schedule a motion for order to show cause and to the to the order, the court will schedule a hearing to address the motion for order to show cause and order and, if appropriate show cause and order and, if appropriate, the adoption petition, will order you to appear personally, and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and may order you to appear personally at those hearings. You have the right to be represented by a lawyer, If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you meet the state's financial guidelines you are entitled to financial guidelines, you are entitled to have a lawyer appointed for you at state expense. To request appointment of a lawver to represent you at state expense, you

must contact the Lane County Circuit Court immediately. Please call (541) 682-4020 for further information. You are responsible for maintaining contact with your lawyer and keeping your lawyer advised of your whereabouts. Dated this 17th day of September, 2020. /s/ Kadee Beth Fetter, Petitioner. 5495 A Street #1, Beth Fetter, Petitioner, 5495 A Street #1, Springfield, OR 97478, (541) 953-2955 qtpieshrum@yahoo.com. /s/ Nathan Daniel Fetter, Petitioner 5495 A Street #1, Springfield, OR 97478, (541) 914-3490, qtpieshrum@yahoo.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: KAAREN CHRISTINE O'NEIL, Deceased. Case No.: 20PB05813 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Probate proceedings in the Estate of KAAREN CHRISTINE O'NEIL, deceased, are now pending in the above-entitled court, wherein Jay Lockard, has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of said estate. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, in due form, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, as stated below, at the following address now designated as the place for the presentation of claims, to-wit: Jay Lockard, Personal claims, to-wit: Jay Lockard, Personal Representative, c/o Attorney Michael Mickelson, at Arnold Law, 115 W. 8th Ave., Mickelson, at Arnold Law, 115 W. 8th Ave., Ste, 280, Eugene, Oregon 97401, (541) 338-911, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the said probate proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the undersigned Personal Representative or the latter's attorney who is Michael Mickelson, Arnold Law, 115 W. 8th Ave., Ste, 280, Eugene, Oregon 97401, (541) 338-9111, michael@arnold-lawfirm.com. DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 10/01/20 lawfirm.com. DATE PUBLICATION: 10/01/20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: PEGGY RUTH WILD, Deceased. CASE No. 20PB06201 NOTICE Deceased. CASE No. 20PB06201 NOTICE
TO INTERESTED PERSONS (ORS 113.165)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Jonathan
F. Wild has been appointed Personal
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Ruth Wild, deceased. All persons having
claims against the estate are required to
present them to the Personal

Representative, through his attorney, John A. Hudson, North Bank Law, at 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401-2459, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. (Please provide vouchers or documents substantiating any such claim). All persons whose rights any such claim). All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, whose contact information is as follows: Personal Representative Jonathan F. Wild 815 Prescott Lane, Springfield, OR 97477. Tele: (503)319-9741. Attorney for Personal Representative: John A Hudson, OSB #741498 North Bank Law, 66 Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401. Tele: (541)485-0777 Fax: (541)344-7487 Date and first published October 8th, 2020.

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OF HARVEY K. TARBET LANE COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 20 PB 06580
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I was dumped in August by a guy I was seeing for 10 months. He told me that he wants to work on himself and "needs to be selfish" right now. Since then, we have spoken every day, shared numerous dinners and gone on hikes. Our friendship is killing me. With him I hold it together. Away from him I cry all the time. I've started seeing a therapist and I'm on medication. I'm trying to be mature about the breakup and match his level of "coolness," but it's destroying me. My friends tell me that I should stay away from him, allow some time to pass, and reassess. But the thought of losing him is almost as bad as the thought of keeping him in my life.

— Simply Heartbroken And Talking To Ex Really Extending Depression P.S. I should also mention that I ended a 10-year relationship for the opportunity to date him.

"Hey, Dan, what I'm doing is making me miserable—should I stop?"

Yes, SHATTERED, you should stop. Your friends are giving you excellent advice: stay away from this guy for at least a year — don't talk on the phone (with him), don't share meals (with him), don't go on hikes (with him) — and then see how you feel after you've talked, shared meals and gone on hikes with other people. It's always nice when exes are friends, MTP, but it's not an easy pivot and it can't be executed instantly. And transition to friendship is always much harder for the person who was dumped — because of course it is — and it's even harder when a selfish dumper accepts or demands the kind of attention and emotional support from the dumpee that the dumper is longer entitled to.

P.S. If you ended a 10-year relationship to date someone — if you ended it for a romantic

ospect, not a romantic certainty (and there's no such thing as a romantic certainty) then that 10-year relationship needed to end. If your ex-boyfriend implored you to end that 10-year relationship and 10 months later dumped you to "work on himself" and then did everything in his power to keep you all to himself even after dumping you, then that "friendship" needs to end, too. At least for the time being.

My name is a variation on "John Smith." I met a woman and she liked me but then she did a cheapo background check on me and found a "John Smith" who had committed felonies — including assaulting a high school principal — and ended things with me. I am not that "John Smith" and I am innocent of these crimes! She had every reason to trust me: we met at my house and she viewed the premises without incident. What do I do?

- Not That Guy

You had this woman over to yours, NTG, and she viewed the premises without incident. Okay... so you didn't rape or kill her when she dropped in, and that speaks the absolute bare fucking minimum of your character. But it doesn't obligate her to keep seeing you. If you can prove you're not John Smith, High School Principal Assaulter, and she doesn't care, NTG, then there's some other reason she doesn't want to see you again. (Was there a MAGA hat on the premises?) But whatever her real reason is/real reasons are, you've been given a "no." And like everyone else, NTG, you have to take "no" for an answer even when it feels unfair or

I've been with my boyfriend for almost five years and everything is amazing except that he sees his ex-girlfriend when I'm not around. He says she wants to meet me but he never wants to meet up with her when I'm with him. Their "dates" are becoming more frequent. She's a single mom and he has expressed to me that he wants to be in her son's life. My feelings of discomfort are escalating and I'm having trouble believing him when he says he wants me to meet her. When I bring this up, he gets angry and says I'm being too emotional. Am I being a crazy jealous girlfriend? I need some help. I want to be a better person. Should I reach out to his ex-girlfriend directly since my boyfriend refuses to make it happen? Or do I bail on the relationship? I feel that uncomfortable. - Ex-Girlfriend Looms Over Everything

I'm in my early 30's and I've been struggling to make new friends. A lot of the people in my extended social circle are polyamorous/queer, and while I identify as queer, I'm in a monogamish relationship that isn't poly. Lately, I have been finding that I have been getting approached a lot by people who want a romantic/sexual connection. It seems like the only people who want me around lately want in my pants and they assume because I'm queer that I'm also poly without asking directly. So people ask me if I want to "hangout" and I'm often unsure if they mean "hangout" in a date context or a friend context. I've ended up on dates I didn't know I was going on! My biggest issue is that I don't understand why people want to date/fuck me but don't want to be my friend. I'm pretty average looking and I am not overly flirty. So why is this happening?

- Noodling On This Problem Over Lattes, Yeah?

There's nothing stopping you from asking — asking directly — for a little clarity: "Hangout? I'd love to! But do you mean 'hangout' as in 'spend time together as friends' or 'hangout' as in 'let's-go-on-a-date'? I ask because I've wound up on a couple of dates that I didn't know were dates, and it was awkward." As for why this is happening... well, either the poly people in your social circle assume — incorrectly — that all queer people are poly or you're much more attractive than you're giving yourself credit for, NOTPOLY, or some combo of both.

I'm a gay man who, due to extensive BDSM play, has developed very prominent nipples. They're always erect and very visible through my clothing unless I wear outra-geous patterns or tape them down. Yes, I'm somewhat embarrassed by them. I don't have gynecomastia (moobs), just really, really, really noticeable nipples. While they are a definite boon between the sheets, they're a bane on the streets because I'm very self-conscious about them. Do people notice this sort of thing on men? Is their reaction negative? Am I being ridiculed behind my back? Mind you, folks universally treat me with kindness and respect, probably because that's how I approach everyone else, but a little voice in my head keeps telling me there's this shameful part of my body that's being made fun of by everyone. Well, everyone except the guys who helped get me to this point. Your thoughts?

- Tortured In Tormenting Situations

Only a small percentage of the people you meet will notice your nipples, TITS, and the thought processes for 99.9 percent of the people who do will go something like this: "Big nips. Eh, whatever."; the noticers will immediately file this useless-to-them information about your tits away and never give it/them another thought. (Unless you're Andrew Cuomo.) I think you're self-conscious about your tits because you know why they're so prominent: extensive and, I assume, highly enjoyable BDSM play, TITS, and you worry other people — straight people, vanilla people, judgy gays — will take one look and realize you're kinky motherfucker. But most people won't make that leap and the ones who do are either kinky themselves or, if not, they aren't going to dwell on your tits or hold them against you. Stop kink-shaming yourself. You earned those tits — you suffered for them — and you should be proud of them!

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